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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 5, line 16 with the following rewritten paragraph:

The lubricant transported in annular lubricant groove 141 is pushed ~~to the~~ to the an outer rim section 198 of annular lubricant groove 141 by the centrifugal force, and raised through vertical hole 143 communicating with annular lubricant groove 141, thereby lubricating sliding sections such as connecting rod 131 and piston 129. Parts of the lubricant are discharged from an upper end of vertical hole 143 into a space of hermetic container 101. Since vertical hole 143 slants as shown in Fig. 3, centrifugal force is additionally added to the lubricant, so that an amount of the lubricant increases.

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 5, line 24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

At this moment, if the lubricant flows into reverse leading groove 139, the lubricant is pushed down by downward force of reverse leading groove 139; however reverse leading groove 139 opens into an inner rim 199 of annular lubricant groove 141, and the lubricant is pushed to the outer rim 198 of annular lubricant groove 141 by the centrifugal force, so that little amount of the lubricant flows into reverse leading groove 139.